

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2003**

The City of Leesburg Commission held an organizational meeting Monday, January 6, 2003, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Knowles called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioner David Connelly  
Commissioner David Knowles  
Commissioner Ben Perry  
Commissioner Lewis Puckett

Also present were City Manager (CM) Ron Stock, City Clerk/Finance Director (CC/FD) Tom Klinker, City Attorney (CA) Fred Morrison, Deputy City Clerk (DCC) Betty Richardson, the news media, and others.

Rick Reed, Daily Commercial Columnist, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE:**

Commissioner Perry recommended moving to Item B (administering Oath of Office to Commissioner Knowles) while waiting for Mayor Lovell to arrive.

CC/FD Klinker swore in David Knowles to serve as Commissioner At-Large, Seat Five for a four -year term.

**ELECTED MAYOR**

Mayor Pro-Tem Knowles nominated Commissioner Connelly for Mayor. Commissioner Perry moved to close nominations and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Connelly expressed appreciation to the Commission for electing him as Mayor.

**ELECTED MAYOR PRO-TEM**

Commissioner Puckett nominated Commissioner Knowles to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Commissioner Perry moved to close nominations and it carried unanimously.

**APPOINTED COMMITTEES:**

**Personnel Committee**

Mayor Connelly and Commissioner Knowles volunteered to serve on the Personnel Committee.

**General Employees Pension Advisory Committee**

Commissioner Perry volunteered to serve in the General Employees Pension Advisory committee.

**Lake County League of Cities Board of Directors**

Commissioner Knowles volunteered to serve on the Lake County League of Cities Board of Directors.

**Tourist Development Council Board**

Commissioner Puckett volunteered Commissioner Lovell to serve on the Tourist Development Council Board.

**Leesburg Area Chamber of Commerce**

The Commission appointed City Manager Stock to serve on the Board of the Leesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Florida Municipal Electric Association**

The Commission appointed Electric Director Lloyd Shank and City Clerk/Finance Director to serve as representatives to the Florida Municipal Electric Association.

**Florida Municipal Power Agency**

Commissioner Perry recommended that City Clerk/Finance Director Klinker and Electric Director Shank serve as the City's representatives.

**Leesburg Partnership**

The Commission appointed Commissioner Puckett.

**St. John's River Water Management District Liaison**

The Commission appointed Commissioner Puckett.

**Leesburg Regional Airport Authority**

Commissioner Knowles re-appointed Gordon Oldham.

Commissioner Lovell arrived at 5:47 p.m.

**ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE**

CC/FD Klinker swore in Bob Lovell to serve as Commissioner At-Large, Seat Four for a four-year term.

CM Stock updated Commissioner Lovell of the appointments made prior to his arrival.

**Appointed Leesburg Regional Airport Authority member**

Commissioner Lovell re-appointed Frank Kutch

Mayor Connelly, Commissioners Perry and Puckett advised their appointments to the Committee will remain the same.

**Leesburg Recreation Authority**

Commissioner Knowles re-appointed Jim Matthews.

Commissioner Lovell appointed Chuck Johnson.

Mayor Connelly, Commissioners Perry and Puckett advised their appointments to the Committee will remain the same.

**Leesburg Deregulation Advisory Committee**

Commissioner Knowles re-appointed Jim Williams.  
Commissioner Lovell re-appointed Charles Strickland.

Mayor Connelly, Commissioners Perry and Puckett advised their appointments to the Committee will remain the same.

**Leesburg Telecommunications Advisory Committee**

Commissioner Knowles re-appointed John Weed.  
Commissioner Lovell re-appointed Kirk DeMendoza.

Mayor Connelly, Commissioners Perry and Puckett advised their appointments to the Committee will remain the same.

Commissioner Perry moved to adjourn. Commissioner Puckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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*Betty M. Richardson*  
Recorder

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